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ALLOWING PROPRIETARY FORWARDING  
ELEMENTS TO INTEROPERATE WITH  
STANDARD CONTROL ELEMENTS IN AN  
OPEN ARCHITECTURE FOR NETWORK  
DEVICES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002 in connection with the  
above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendment and  
remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph starting at page 9, line 18 has been amended as follows:

The network services API 240 allows the horizontal open networking architecture  
200 and platform to be visible to external parties, such as third-party independent